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EVE OF ASSUMING EC PRESIDENCY

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1. WITH LITTLE PROSPECT FOR ESTABLISHMENT "OF POLITICAL
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SECRETARIAT" AT COPENHAGEN EC SUMMIT (REFTEL), AND WITH

PRAGMATISM RATHER THAN INSTITUTION BUILDING SYMBOL-IZING THE PRESENT MOOD AMONG THE EUROPEANS, THE GERMANS HAVE BEEN SEEKING TO DEVELOP SOME WAYS OF EASING PRESSURES ON EC-9 FONOFF OFFICIALS DEALING WITH POLITICAL CONSULTATIONS. IN PARTICULAR, FONOFF POLITICAL DIRECTOR VAN WELL TOLD EMBOFF NOV 23 THAT HE PLANS TO DRAW ON LANGUAGE IN THE SECOND DAVIGNON REPORT WHICH SANCTIONS GREATER USE OF EMBASSIES IN THE CAPITAL OF THE EC PRESIDENT. ONCE THE FRG TAKES THE EC CHAIR JAN 1, VAN WELL PLANS TO HAVE FREQUENT MEETINGS IN BONN WITH THE 8 EC AMBASSADORS (OR DCM'S) IN AN EFFORT TO RESOLVE PRESSING OPERATIONAL ISSUES, THEREBY RESERVING THE MONTHLY POLITICAL MEETING FOR BROADER POLICY ISSUES OR AS A KIND OF SENIOR REVIEW GROUP. RECALLING HIS EARLIER ROLE AS FRG REP IN THE BONN GROUP DURING THE BERLIN NEGOTIATIONS, VAN WELL SAID HE ENVISIONS HIS CONTACTS WITH THE AMBASSADORS AS A KIND OF EUROPEAN VERSION OF THE BONN GROUP WHILE THE POLITICAL COMMITTEE COULD SERVE AS A TYPE OF SENIOR LEVEL MEETING.

2. AS A PRECEDENT FOR THIS APPROACH, VAN WELL REFERRED TO FREQUENT EC-9 MEETINGS AT THE U.N. AND TO CONSULTATIONS (UNDER INSTRUCTION) ON MIDEAST BY EC-9 AMBASSADORS AT COPENHAGEN BEFORE NOV 6 BRUSSELS MIDEAST DECLARATION. ON THE LATTER OCCASION, VAN WELL SAID THE FRENCH HAD CALLED BACK THEIR COPENHAGEN AMBASSADOR TO PARIS, AND HAD BRIEFED HIM FOR TWO DAYS ON KEY - ASPECTS OF THE MIDEAST PROBLEM. VAN WELL SAID THIS BONN GROUP APPROACH COULD BE EVEN MORE EFFECTIVE IN BONN WHERE ALL EC MEMBER STATES HAVE SENT AMBASSADORS WHO, IN THEIR OWN CAPITALS, WOULD BE SERVING AT VERY HIGH LEVELS IN THE FONOFF.

3. VAN WELL TOLD EMBOFF HE PLANS TO LAUNCH THIS IDEA AT A MID-DEC DINNER FOR THE 8 EC AMBASSADORS IN BONN. WE THEREFORE REQUEST THAT THE ABOVE INFORMATION BE HELD NOFORN FOR THE TIME BEING. FROM THE COMMENTS OF VAN WELL AND FONOFF EC POLITICAL INTEGRATION CHIEF VON DER GABLENZ, WE ALSO EXPECT THE GERMANS TO PUSH DURING THEIR PRESIDENCY FOR FURTHER ENHANCEMENT OF ADMINISTRATION.

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